



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/921,809	08/03/2001	Michael L. Perry	C-2462	8358
7590	09/17/2004		EXAMINER	
M. P. Williams 210 Main Street Manchester, CT 06040			CREPEAU, JONATHAN	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			1746	

DATE MAILED: 09/17/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M.P. Williams on September 15, 2004. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify that the claimed limitations do indeed invoke 35 USC §112, sixth paragraph, according to the guidelines in MPEP §2181. Since the limitations were previously construed by the Examiner on the record as invoking §112, sixth paragraph, the present amendments do not affect the scope of the claims.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 7, line 7, insert --for inputting fuel-- after "fuel inlet means".

Claim 7, line 12, insert --for outputting fuel-- after "fuel outlet means".

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Crepeau whose telephone number is (571) 272-1299. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr, can be reached at (571) 272-1414. The phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 272-1700. Documents may be faxed to the central fax server at (703) 872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Jonathan Crepeau
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 1746
September 15, 2004